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### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4.

THE mining outlook for New Mexic for the year 1898 is very bright indeed.

shell game on Senator Hanna.

WITH a united and loyal support of a good ticket, the Republicans of New Mexico will be successful during the coming fall campaign. SEVERAL far seeing members of the

Ohio legislature have evidently had the palms of their hands oiled by the Mc Lean-Kurtz-Bushnell combination. Do

RENEGADE Republicans and Demo crats all over the country rejoice over the seeming defeat for re-election of that has no turn, as they will find out in due course of time.

Ir a few heads of territorial officials were to fall into the official waste bas ket by the side of Governor Otero's desk it would be a good thing for a better and more economical administration of territorial affairs and of the court business of the territory.

THE NEW MEXICAN is for home rule . first, last and all the time. Of course if home appointments cannot be had then it is only good politics and the sen sible thing to support the best men for appointments, federal or territorial. county or district.

THE action of the territorial bureau of immigration in preparing 50,000 copies of a pamphlet descriptive of New Mexico, for free distribution at the Omaha Transmississippi exposition, meets with the approval of all public spirited and patriotic citizens of the territory.

THE New Year's edition of the Albuquerque Morning Democrat was one of the best special editions that has ever been issued in the territory. It contained 20 pages, profusely illustrated, concerning the territory's resources and towns, and is valuable for reference to all who are interested in the sunny southwest.

THE building of the El Paso & Northeastern railway into Lincoln county will prove a great boon for that section of the territory. Within the next 18 months there will be a town of 5,000 people in the coal fields of that county. Lincoln county people have waited a long time, but its good times are coming | Constiution. now and that at a rapid rate.

THE Cook county Democracy has nominated William Jennings Bryan for president on the Democratic ticket in 1900 and Mayor Carter Harrison for governor of Illinois. These early birds may eatch the worm, called nomination. but when it comes to an election, they will find a state of affairs, that will make their hair stand on end, like quills upon the fretful porcupine.

THE NEW MEXICAN is a territorial newspaper and is constantly at work to advance the best interests of every section of the territory. There is no sense in hiding one's light under a bushel basket and hence this announcement for the benefit of those citizens of New Mexico, who do not subscribe for this journal. It they would keep posted on territorial affairs, they must read this

THE territorial board of equalization, the boards of county commissioners, the district attorneys and the collectors and assessors should carry out the provisions of the revenue laws of New Mexico strictly and impartially. Funds must be had for carrying on the territorial and county governments and for the payment of interest on the territorial debt and the only way this can be done is by a strict enforcement of the revenue

THE assessor's returns do not give a correct idea as to the number of sheep in this territory. Men thoroughly posted claim that the number of sheep ac tually owned and grazed in this territory is nearer 4,000,000 than 3,000,000. New Mexico is forging ahead rapidly in the ownership of sheep and the end of the year 1898, it is estimated by competent persons, will see fully 4,000,000 of the fleecy wealth producers within the borders of the territory.

In another column the New Mexicas eproduces a letter to the New York sun, one of the most widely circulated and influential newspapers in this broad and, from the paper's correspondent in Ew Entered as Second-Class matter at the this city, treating of the sheep industry Santa Fe Post Office. in New Mexico as portrayed in Governor Otero's annual report for 1897 to the secretary of the interior. The letter cannot be too often reproduced. That sort of advertising does New Mexico great good and is the best kind of advertising. In this connection it is well to say, that the demand for copies of the governor's report has been so great that the 1,000 copies printed by the government printing office have been

distributed, and that Governor Otero. at considerable cost, has ordered an other 1,000 copies to supply the demand. Should it not be possible to obtain payment for this additional 1,000 copies from the territory, the governor will pay for them out of his private funds. And right here also the New Mex-ICAN doffs its hat to the New York Sun with many thanks and hoping it will occur again, for the territory of New Mexico can stand all that sort of business with great appreciation and equa-

## Tax Matters in Santa Fe County.

The board of county commissioners of this county has been very lenient in the matter of collection of the delinquent that two sheep can be supported on each taxes and has gone very far toward acre of land; so the public lands of New grow in the states, and it is possible to abating and rebuting taxes. Indeed it Mexico can support 110,000,000, or raise large quantities of feed for the abating and rebating taxes. Indeed it is questioned by many if the action of the board in granting a wholesale rebate ed at 650,000,000 pounds."

of taxes to the amount of 25 per cent is Instead of finding any such number of taxes to the amount of 25 per cent is Some so-called Republican members lawful. Be that as it may. Let the of the Ohio legislature are playing the past bury the past, but put a stop to the business of allowing taxpayers to run up delinquent taxes for years and the tothe sheep industry ever known. The lamb crop was 98 per cent of the ewes," and 3,000,000 of the number are then come in and settle at a discount of 25 per cent, and do this at once. A stop must be put to this practice else this county government will have to put up its shutters and go out of business.

The district attorney should be stopped from compromising suits for a less sum than a full amount of the tax levied with penalty and costs. As the tax system has been administered in this county for many years, a premium has been set on the non-payment of taxes. Of course under such circumstances and Senator Hanna. But it's a long lane with the low assessment in vogue in this flocks. county the tax rate is high.

The county commissioners have shown a great deal of charity and leniency in this matter, but from now on a drastic compliance with the law should be exacted from every county official whose duty it is to assess or collect placed upon the district attorney in compromising suits. If tax levies are legal and just, they should be collected from all taxpayers; if they are illegal or not collect taxes from one class of taxpayers and let other classes do as they please and come in after taxes have be come delinquent for years and settle at n large discount. This is certainly unfair and unjust to the taxpayers who pay regularly and as the law requires.

## In a Lighter Vein.



down the lane."-North Star.

"Will this be a long session?" asked the voter from the country "Can't say," replied the representative.
"Did you ever feel like leavin a table when

The Very Worst.

a baked possum was on it?"-Atlanta

"That man would cut off his "He would do worse than that. He would actually puncture his tire to spite his bicycle."-New York Journal.

That Way All Around. Jack-That Miss Beverly to whom bowed just now is a regular Klondike. Tom—That so? Rich? Jack-Yes; also cold and distant.-Chi-

cago News. Wants Specifications. "Well, you know, 'a woman's as old she looks.

"In the morning or after she's ready to go down town?"—Detroit News. Some Doubt About It.

He—I suppose if your father found me here he would kick me out of the door. She-Oh, I don't know. Papa's punting is wretched.—Detroit Journal

Safe Sympathy. der dog in a fight.

you."-Chicago Record.

Its Bluding. Cholly—I am—aw—handicapped, don't you know. My genius is bound. Molly-Yes, in calf .- New York Sun-

Different kinds of punishment are good, or unruly children, but as a general thing spanking Journal. takes the palm.-Somerville

A Transformation. Before her father made his pile And had a surplus in the bank Her figure oft provoked a smile, For she was simply "long and lank."

But now she's changed. Those days of yore Have been forgotten by us all, the counts admirers by the score And is, you know, "divinely tall," —James Barrett Kirk in Brooklyn Life.

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## ABOUT DESERT SHEEP

Governor Otero's Estimate of Profits in Wool.

For the Right Man Who is Able to Get the Right Location Here is a Business That Seems Sure and Is Not So Very Slow.

From the New York Sun, December 26, 1897; Santa Fe N. M., Dec. 21,-Among the features of Governor Miguel A. Otero's last annual report from this territory the one most likely to interest the farmers who read the Sun relates to sheep raising. For the governor, unlike his predecessors when writing reports, has gone into the details of this business. and figures out a profit in it that must open the eyes of the slower-going sheep men of Ohio and Vermont. He has, in the sheep business such a write-up as has rarely had before.

has rarely had before.

According to the governor, after deducting from the 78,000,000 acres all ducting from the 78,000,000 acres all Having a sufficient supply of water, 8,000,000 of land grants, and the estimated millions of mountains not fit for grazing, the territory contains "not less

as this in the territory, however, there are at most but 4,000,000, although "the present year has been the most favorewes, "which may be safely relied on to produce next year 2,000,000 lambs, or 66% per cent. It appears that "the people of New

Mexico are unsurpassed in the manage ment of sheep herds," and that is to say that the sheep men are descendants of the original Spanish-American stock. who for hundreds of years have had no other business than that of sheep raising. "The sheep are run in flocks of learned the business at \$10 a month and from 3,000 to 5,000." Each flock requires "three men, or two men and one boy, and two or three dogs," while an owner having a number of flocks needs from this as a start he should get a flock

The outfit for each flock includes camp kit, a supply of provisions, and a donkey to carry all. This is because "the sheep are grazed from place to place within the range." "The dogs and men constantly remain with the sheep the whole year."

On figuring it out it appears that "the and tastes of the man. One who finds cost of caring for a flock of 4,000 for a the society of near neighbors necessary taxes and specially should a curb be year is \$15 per month for each of the two men and \$10 for a boy or \$400 per year: their rations and that of the dogs, part of which is mutton from the flocks, cost \$12 per month each, or \$432; extra mas dance or a Fourth of July frolic men to attend lambing one month, 150 and think nothing of it. It is a loneunjust, let the people know it and do shearers at 3 cents a fleece, \$120; other incidental expenses \$218, or \$1,400 per flock of 4,000, or 30 cents per head.

The return from the flock is estimated at five pounds per head—20,000 pounds of wool, which, "at the present price, 14 cents," gives \$2,800 cash return from the flock, or a profit of \$1,400 clear money. Sheep "are now selling at from \$1.75" to \$2 a head," so an outside estimate of the capital invested in the sheep is \$8,-

However, not all the profit in the sheep is found in the sales of wool, for that to ordinary people is intolerably the governor estimates that while the dreary and repulsive. The reader will flock would lose through estray, killed remember that Darwin, after his memby coyotes and other causes 290 head a orable journey around the world, wrote year, the increase from lambs would be that he recalled the deserts of Pata-2 out or a net increase of of 1,800 head. These would include both ewes and wethers, the wether being of small value, but the cash value of the lambs would exceed the profit on the sale of wool by several hundred dollars. On the whole, according to the governor's ligures, an industrious farmer having the money to invest in such a flock of sheep and the knowledge needed to take care of them could get more money out of 4,000 sheep here in New Mexico than he could make on a down east farm worth three times the price of the

While it is certain that Governor Otero took most of his figures from the actual experience of men in the sheep business ere are certain facts not mentione by him which a down east farmer ough to consider before he comes to the desert

In the first place, there is the amount of public land fit for sheep. There are, indeed, 55,000,000 acres of it, and it is public land, but the man who should andertake herding sheep on it at will, chosing his own locality, would find such trouble awaiting him as he had never experienced in the east, though he had had no end of lawsuits over line fences. A glance at the map accom-panying the governor's report will prove very instructive on this subject of public land fit for sheep grazing. The water courses and even the springs to be found in the territory are to a very large extent marked thereon in red ink. The breadth of land without a red line on it looks small on the map, but in fact it is very wide. Take, as a sample, the space between Magdalena and the Mogolion range and the Datils and the Black range. Here lies the San Agustin plain, a region over which the writer traveled not long ago. It is a three days' drive from Magdalena, where there is a very good well, to running water in the Rio San Francisco beyond the Mogollons. On this route there are four springs, according to the map-two in the Datils, the Horse spring and the Patterson's. There is another, "I believe in sympathizing with the un-er dog in a fight." the Patterson's. There is another however, that the map does not show— in all five springs along a route con siderably more than 100 miles long. Taking the entire San Agustin plain, the springs are more than 25 miles apart

on the average.

Now, if all the springs were open to public use the farmer from the east could pasture a whole lot of sheep on the San Augustin plain, for they can feed back 12 or 15 miles from water, but as a matter of fact all the available springs are inclosed with barbed-wire fence and lie on private land long since patented, save only the Horse spring and that, though not inclosed, is claimed Even if the grass of this region would support two sheep per acre, the man from the east might see his animals perish of thirst if he ever got them to the pasture. Watering sheep is a regular business there. The spring owners will let a traveling herd drink once if its

owner will give them their pick of one ewe from each 1,000 sheep watered. Then as to the estimate of two sheep per acre, it is very likely true that the territory as a whole might on the average support that number; in a good season—a season when rain is abundant, as works in their practice. The Nzw Mex-ican has this work on sale at the pub-lishers' price, \$5.

this territory honestly believed the whole state would support a pair of horns per acre, but when the droughts

came they found their error, for on the average 20 acres (in some seasons 40 acres) would not support a horned head. But that is not all. The springs of water are not only owned by private people; the streams are bounded on both sides by patented claims, and what is worse for the man from the east, practi-

cally all these people are in the sheep and cattle business for themselves. And then there is the trouble ever present between the sheepmen and the cattlemen. The presence of sheep in-terfers with the cattle, as the business is ordinarily conducted, and a tender-foot sheepman would need all his fortitude and a plentiful supply of cartridges if cowboys took a notion to tell him to

But this is not to discourage altogeth er an eastern man with a notion to try he sheep business from coming to New Mexico. If he will go at it in the right Mexico. way he is as sure to succeed as he would be in any such business anywhere in the world. First of all he must get a water right, however. There are water rights unoccupied in the territory that can be had for the taking. They lie a short, to use an expression familiar to long ways back from the railroad, but the newspaper men of the west, given that is not a serious drawback for a sheep man. It merely adds to the cost

the matter of getting an independent property is only a question of time really, though habits of economy and than 55,000,000 acres peculiarly adapted diligence are as much needed here as to sheep pasturage"—so peculiarly elsewhere. Every kind of crop will adapted, in fact, that "it is estimated grow on irrigated land here, if the ranch is not too high above the sea, that, will enough to easily supply all the wool sheep. The natives have always de consumed in the United States, estimat-The natives have always de their flocks, but a little more work will not only save the losses in the dry season; it will add largely to the profits in any season. Diseases, save for the im ported scab, are unknown among the flock, and the scab can be easily eradi-cated by running the flocks through a swimming bath of the proper "dip."
And as for the "dip," a strong infusion
of tobacco, which the rancher can raise
for himself, is the best known.

Indeed it is not absolutely necessar that an enterprising young man should have any great capital. As the gover-nor points out, it is the habit of the sheep owners here to let out their flocks on shares. Even a tenderfoot could get employed for a year or so, while he cumulated a couple of dogs he would b ready to take a flock on shares and of his own that at the end of six or ritory would make him independent if not rich.

Many tales have been written about the effect of the desert life on sheer herders, and there is some foundation for them, as the statistics of the insane asylum show. It depends on the habits Near neighbors on the desert mean families living 40 miles apart. women ride 100 miles to attend a Christ some country for the young man of bibulous and convivial habits. For a man and his wife who were fully agreed on a business of this kind and who could enjoy the outdoor life in what is well called the sunshine land-especially for a couple who had the natural tastes and the culture that would enable them to appreciate the wonders and beauties of desert-the region would prove simply fascinating. There is no other adjective to describe the attractions which some people find in the region gonia with more longing than he did even the most gorgeous of the tropical islands of the sea. In the matter of climate New Mexico is infinitely super-

for to Patagonia, while its desert fea-tures are at least equal to those of that country.

For those who, like Darwin, can ap preciate a region that is and must remain as God made it-for those, for instance, who can appreciate the works of either Darwin or Thoreau—the New Mexico desert offers an ideal home and the sheep business a vocation that will furnish, at a minimum expense of time, sufficient food, clothing and books for

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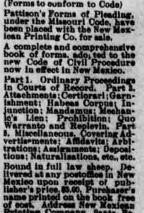
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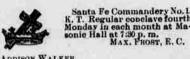








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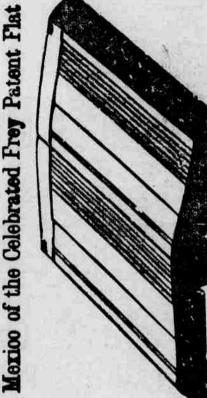
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